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SUMMARY: FIRST WEEK BONN EXPERTS MEETING TO PREPARE
SCIENTIFIC FORUM GOT OFF TO GOOD START WITH EARLY
ADOPTION OF EXPERTS MEETING AGENDA. SPEED OF AGENDA
ADOPTION AND SHORT INTRODUCTORY STATEMENTS BY MOST DELS
CAUGHT SOVIET BY SURPRISE AND SEEMINGLY UNPREPARED TO
BEGIN DISCUSSION ON SUBSTANTIVE PROPOSALS FOR SCIENTIFIC
FORUM AGENDA AND MODALITIES. AFTER INITIAL ATTEMPTS TO
PROLONG GENERAL DISCUSSION FAILED, EASTERN DELS AT
WEEK'S END BEGAN TO TABLE PROPOSALS ON
POSSIBLE FORUM DISCUSSION TOPICS: THEMES AND SUB-
THEMES. END SUMMARY

1. AFTER INITIAL STATEMENTS, SOVIET DEL INDICATED
DESIRE TO PROCEED WITH MORE GENERAL DISCUSSION, BUT
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WEST, FINDING INTRODUCTORY STATEMENTS OF ONLY MARGINAL
VALUE, PRESSED TO BEGIN CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA. THIS,
COUPLED WITH WESTERN INITIATION OF SUBSTANTIVE DIS-
CUSSION OF SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR FORUM GENERAL THEME
AND SPECIFIC SUB-THEMES OR TOPICS OF DISCUSSION, THREW
EASTERN DELS INTO CONFUSION. AFTER EXHIBITING CERTAIN
AMOUNT OF INDECISION ON HOW TO PROCEED, SOVIET DEL

FINALLY INDICATED DESIRE TO REVIEW FULL SPECTRUM OF PROPOSALS FOR SCIENTIFIC FORUM THEMES AND SUB-THEMES AND ALL MODALITIES (EXPERTS MEETING AGENDA ITEMS 4 AND 5) BEFORE ADOPTING FINAL DECISIONS ON ANY ASPECT OF SCIENTIFIC FORUM. SOVIETS HAVE PRIVATELY INDICATED TO SEVERAL DELS THAT PRESSURE TO ADOPT THEMES BEFORE THEY CAN SEE FULL RANGE OF MODALITIES WOULD MEAN THAT ITEMS WOULD PERFORCE BE REJECTED BY BOTH SIDES WHICH MIGHT BE ACCEPTED IN PROPER CONTEXT. SOVIET

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DEL HAS ALSO INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO ESTABLISH GENERAL FORUM THEME AND CONCRETE SUB-THEMES. EAST CLEARLY EVEN MORE SUSPICIOUS THAN USUAL AND WANTS TO AVOID SURPRISES. NEXT FEW DAYS WILL BE EXPLORATORY.

2. MANY DELS HAVE SCIENTISTS AS MEMBERS, SO EFFORT WAS MADE TO SPLIT MEETING AT LEAST FOR A FEW DAYS INTO TWO COMMITTEES. SCIENTISTS WOULD DISCUSS SUB-THEMES; BUREAUCRATS MODALITIES. SOVIETS REJECTED THIS SAYING THAT THEIR CHIEF O DEL (BY FAR THE MOST EMINENT SCIENTIST PRESENT) WAS VITALLY INTERESTED IN BOTH ASPECTS.

3. DANISH DEL TABLED EC-9 PROPOSAL FOR GENERAL THEME AND INFORMALLY CIRCULATED SUB-THEMES (SEE REFTEL). SEVERAL WESTERN DELS CONSIDERING REDRAFTING DANISH SUB-THEMES FOR GREATER CLARITY. GDR DEL TABLED LARGELY PRO-FORMA SUB-THEME "THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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RELATIONS IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AS PART OF THE PROCESS OF DETENTE AND EXPANDING COOPERATION AMONG STATES." PROPOSED CZECHOSLOVAK SUB-THEME "NEW TECHNOLOGIES OF PRODUCTION, TRANSPORT AND DISTRIBUTION OF ENERGY AIMED AT IMPROVING THE USE OF EXISTING FUELS AND SOURCES OF HYDROENERGY, AS WELL AS RESEARCH IN THE FIELD OF NEW ENERGY SOURCES, INCLUDING NUCLEAR, SOLAR AND GEOTHERMAL ENERGY," HAS STRONG EASTERN SUPPORT, BUT WILL BE CRITICIZED BY WEST AS REPETITION OF BREZHNEV ENERGY PROPOSAL BEING DEVELOPED IN ECE. PROPOSALS BY BULGARIAN, SOVIET, CYPRIOT AND HUNGARIAN DELS ARE EXPECTED IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

5. SECOND NATO CAUCUS, CHAIRED BY U.S. AND ATTENDED BY FRENCH, SCORED NEED FOR FURTHER ALLIED CONSULTATIONS BEFORE ADOPTING FIRM POSITIONS. CAUCUS ALSO AGREED THAT MORE GENERAL DISCUSSION, AS EAST PROPOSED, COULD SERVE TO BETTER IDENTIFY EASTERN POSITIONS. STOESEL

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